## MODERNIZATION OF BATTLESHIPS

## COMMUNICATION

FROM

## THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

TRANSMITTING

A SUPPLEMENTAL ESTIMATE OF APPROPRIATION FOR THE MODERNIZATION OF THREE OF THE OLDER BATTLESHIPS BY THE NAVY DEPARTMENT, AMOUNTING TO \$10,000,000

February 17 (calendar day, February 28), 1931.—Read, referred to the Committee on Appropriations, and ordered to be printed

THE WHITE HOUSE, Washington, February 28, 1931.

The President of the Senate.

Sir: I have the honor to transmit herewith for the consideration of Congress a supplemental estimate of appropriation for the fiscal year 1931, to remain available until June 30, 1932, for the modernization of three of the older battleships by the Navy Department, \$10,000,000.

The details of this estimate, the necessity therefor, and the reasons for its transmission at this time are set forth in the letter of the Director of the Bureau of the Budget transmitted herewith, with whose comments and observations thereon I concur.

Respectfully.

HERBERT HOOVER.

Bureau of the Budget, Washington, February 28, 1931.

Sir: I have the honor to submit for your consideration a supplemental estimate of appropriation for the fiscal year 1931, to remain available until June 30, 1932, toward the modernization of naval vessels by the Navy Department, as follows:

Major alterations, naval vessels: Toward the alterations and repairs required for the purpose of modernizing the United States ships New Mexico, Mississippi, and Idaho, as authorized by the act entitled "An act to authorize alterations and

repairs to certain naval vessels," approved February 28, 1931, fiscal year 1931, to remain available until June 30, 1932, \$10,000,000.

The above estimate of appropriation is required to enable the Secretary of the Navy to commence during the fiscal year 1931, and to continue during the fiscal year 1932, the modernization of the battleships *Mississippi*, *Idaho*, and *New Mexico*, as contemplated by the above cited act.

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This estimate of appropriation is required to meet expenditures authorized by legislation enacted since the transmission of the Budget for the fiscal year 1931. I recommend that it be approved and transmitted to Congress.

Very respectfully,

J. Clawson Roop,
Director of the Bureau of the Budget.

The PRESIDENT.

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